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ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: McChord Field Water Conservation

1. Effective immediately, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) - McChord Field drinking water customers are subject to water conservation level three restrictions that will focus on elimination or reduction of landscape irrigation. The reason for the water use restriction is loss of service of two drinking water supply wells.

2. All JBLM drinking water customers on McChord Field shall implement the level three water conservation restrictions as outlined in Fort Lewis (FL) Reg. 11-5 (Water Conservation), 5 May 2006:

- a. Water use is limited to that required for human health, fire protection and mission support activities.
- b. Water will not be used for irrigation purposes. Exemptions may be granted with permission from the JBLM Directorate of Public Works as noted in paragraph 5 below.
- c. In addition to restrictions for irrigation, individuals should take steps to reduce water use during this restriction period. Examples include sweeping rather than hosing off surfaces for cleaning, taking shorter showers, turning faucets off when water is not being directly used, running dishwashers only when full of dishes and utensils, promptly reporting plumbing leaks for repair, etc.
- d. Exemption: McChord Field housing is exempt from the level three irrigation restrictions above, but will follow level two restrictions as follows. Housing units with even house numbers may only water on Wednesday and Saturday between 0500-0800 and 1700-2000. Housing units with odd house numbers may only water on Thursday and Sunday between 0500-0800 and 1700-2000.
- e. Exemption: Irrigation of landscape and lawn features during the required establishment period of two to three years, including trees and lawn associated with new construction.
- f. Exemption: Car washing.
- g. Exemption: Irrigation at Whispering Firs Golf Course is not restricted. The irrigation system uses water from a well that does not supply drinking water.

3. FL Regulation 11-5 requires that JBLM will "ensure a sufficient water supply is available for human health and fire protection during periods of drought or diminished water supplies". McChord Field is experiencing a diminished drinking water supply capacity because two groundwater supply wells are offline and undergoing emergency maintenance. The remaining wells do not have adequate capacity to meet peak summertime water demands that include mission requirements and normal summertime irrigation.

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4. Mandatory water conservation is necessary at this time to protect the supply of water available to the McChord Field Main Base distribution system. It is anticipated that with restrictions there will be no impact to the mission or non-irrigation water uses on McChord Field. If restrictions are not put in place ahead of a shortage, the system could experience a lowering of water pressure and loss of the drinking water supply to most or all customers.

5. Well repairs are currently underway with an anticipated mid-summer project completion. I am authorizing the Director of Public Works to establish additional exemptions and to terminate the level two and three restrictions once the drinking water system capacity is restored. The Director of Public Works is also authorized to implement additional water use restrictions and cancel exemptions if initial water conservation efforts do not protect the water supplies required for the mission. I appreciate your participation in this effort to reduce water use which will ensure safe and adequate water supplies at JBLM.

6. If you have questions about these restrictions, please contact Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Water Program Manager, Mr. Martin Burris at 253-966-1768, or email: Martin.J.Burris.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

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